

Amendments to the Claims:

1. (Currently Amended): A substrate susceptor for receiving a substrate to be deposited upon, comprising:

a body having a substrate receiving side, the substrate receiving side comprising a face having a substrate receiving recess formed therein, the recess comprising an outer peripheral sidewall and a recess base, the outer peripheral sidewall connecting with and extending perpendicularly from the recess base; and

at least three projections extending outwardly from a portion of the face, the projections respectively comprising a radially inner sidewall which extends outwardly from the recess outer peripheral sidewall to a projection ~~upper~~ radially extending uppermost straight surface, all of the radially inner sidewall comprising a portion which aligns aligning with and extends ~~extending~~ outwardly from the recess outer peripheral sidewall perpendicularly relative to the recess base to the projection radially extending uppermost straight surface, the projections respectively comprising a vertical outermost peripheral edge, the radially extending uppermost straight surface extending to an uppermost elevation which is aligned with the vertical outermost peripheral edge.

2. (Original): The susceptor of claim 1 wherein the face portion is annular.

3. (Original): The susceptor of claim 1 wherein the face portion is substantially planar and continuous but for said projections.

4. (Original): The susceptor of claim 3 wherein the face portion is annular.

5. (Original): The susceptor of claim 1 wherein the substrate receiving recess is annular.

6. (Original): The susceptor of claim 5 wherein the face portion is annular.

Claims 7 and 8 (Canceled).

9. (Withdrawn): The susceptor of claim 1 wherein all said projections comprise a common shape.

10. (Withdrawn): The susceptor of claim 1 wherein said projections are each equally spaced on the face portion from immediately adjacent of said projections.

11. (Original): The susceptor of claim 1 wherein said projections are received about a circle on the face portion.

12. (Original): The susceptor of claim 11 wherein said projections collectively occupy less than 10% of the circumference of said circle.

13. (Original): The susceptor of claim 11 wherein said projections collectively occupy less than 5% of the circumference of said circle.

14. (Original): The susceptor of claim 11 wherein said projections collectively occupy less than 3% of the circumference of said circle.

15. (Withdrawn): The susceptor of claim 1 wherein said projections number no more than 8.

16. (Withdrawn): The susceptor of claim 1 wherein said projections number only 3.

17. (Withdrawn): The susceptor of claim 1 wherein said projections number only 4.

18. (Withdrawn): The susceptor of claim 1 wherein said projections number only 5.

19. (Withdrawn): The susceptor of claim 1 wherein said projections number only 6.

20. (Withdrawn): The susceptor of claim 1 wherein said projections number only 7.

21. (Withdrawn): The susceptor of claim 1 wherein said projections number only 8.

22. (Currently Amended): The susceptor of claim 1 wherein the body has an outermost peripheral edge ~~and the projections respectively have an outmost peripheral edge~~, the projection outermost peripheral edge being received radially inward of the body outermost peripheral edge.

23. (Withdrawn): The susceptor of claim 1 wherein the projection upper surface is angled radially downward toward the substrate receiving recess.

24. (Withdrawn): The susceptor of claim 23 wherein the projection upper surface is angled radially downward toward the substrate receiving recess along a straight line in radial cross section.

25. (Withdrawn): The susceptor of claim 24 wherein the face portion is substantially planar but for said projections, the projection upper surface being angled at from 20° to 80° from the face portion.

26. (Withdrawn): The susceptor of claim 25 wherein the projection upper surface is angled at from 40° to 60° from the face portion.

27. (Withdrawn): The susceptor of claim 24 wherein the substrate receiving recess comprises a substantially planar base, the projection upper surface being angled at from 20° to 80° from the base.

28. (Withdrawn): The susceptor of claim 27 wherein the projection upper surface is angled at from 40° to 60° from the base.

29. (Withdrawn): The susceptor of claim 27 wherein the projection upper surface extends along a line in radial cross section having a radial extent of at least 5 mm.

30. (Original): The susceptor of claim 1 wherein the recess outer peripheral sidewall and the radially inner sidewall have a combined elevational length which is greater than thickness of a substrate for which the susceptor is designed.

Claim 31 (Canceled).

32. (Withdrawn): The susceptor of claim 30 wherein the recess outer peripheral sidewall has an elevational length which is equal to thickness of a substrate for which the susceptor is designed.

33. (Withdrawn): The susceptor of claim 1 wherein the recess outer peripheral sidewall and the radially inner sidewall have a combined elevational length which is equal to thickness of a substrate for which the susceptor is designed.

Claims 34-36 (Canceled).

37. (Currently Amended): The susceptor of claim 1 wherein the ~~projection upper surface has an~~ uppermost elevation which is received higher than an uppermost surface of a substrate for which the susceptor is designed when said substrate is received by said recess.

Claims 38-161 (Canceled).